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## On the cover



*Tech. Sgt. Matthew Stogsdill works with his partner Rudy. Stogsdill is the only reserve dog handler in Air Force Space Command.*

Photo by Staff Sgt. Stefano Collins

## UTA Schedule

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# Let's continue to enhance our heritage

**By Col. Richard R. Moss**  
302nd Airlift Wing commander

After the June Pre-UTA meeting, I stopped by the club to have a discussion with some members of the wing. While we were sitting at the table discussing how to solve the problems of the world, an elderly gentleman (89 years old) stopped by and introduced himself. He related how he had participated in three wars—World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

He then proceeded to enlighten us on what it was like 59 years before when he was flying missions supporting the landings on Omaha Beach during the D-Day invasion. He proudly related his experiences, the sacrifices people made and the general attitudes of those involved on that day. We all thanked him for everything he, and others, had done in the past for our country. He seemed to be embarrassed, saying he only did his job. As

he turned to return to his table, he stopped and thanked us—for our service to our country and more importantly, according to him, for carrying on the heritage he and others before him had started. It was our turn to be embarrassed since we are only doing our job.

Although the Air Force has only been in existence officially since 1947, it does have a tremendous heritage—one that continues to grow each time we meet the challenges presented in conflicts around the world. We, the 302 Airlift Wing and the Air Force Reserve, are an integral part in developing and enhancing that tremendous heritage. Unfortunately, too often, we don't take credit for what we do—we are simply doing our job.

As we continue to gain more personnel into the Reserve who have either never served in the military or who are crossing over from other branches of the service, we need to ensure they know they

are joining a unit that has its own tremendous heritage and is a critical part of continuing to grow the heritage of the Air Force.

One tool we have to achieve this is the formal mentoring program, Air Force Instruction 36-3401 and AFRC Pamphlet 36-3401. It is critical (mandatory by the AFI) that every supervisor become familiar with the mentoring program and that they take the time to conduct mentoring sessions with those "less experienced." Contrary to what some of us undoubtedly feel, we will not be around forever, nor are we irreplaceable. If you are not mentoring others to take your place, then you should get started. Let's use this program to pass on our heritage, our experience, and to help develop those who will be the future leaders of this wing and the Air Force Reserve.

Hopefully, in the future, someone will thank us for what we are doing now.

## Chief of staff thanks Reserve

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, sent the following letter to Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command.*

The men and women of Air Force Reserve Command performed superbly during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The world witnessed joint warfighting at its best and the critical role played by well-trained and well-led airmen.

Airmen from the Reserve were pivotal to the coalition's successes in the war. Our nation's military was able to achieve rapid victory because of the dedicated service of these great citizen airmen. The loyalty and courage displayed to their nation is a model for all airmen to follow.

Please relay my sincere appreciation to all the members of your command. May God bless our great Air Force and our great nation!

# Paradoxes: when life doesn't make sense

**By Chap. (Capt.) Tim Wilson**  
Chaplain's office

Life is full of paradoxes. For instance have you ever bought something cheap only to spend twice as much in the long run or taken a short cut that was twice as long? And of course, no matter how they advertise it or package what is supposed to be a free lunch rarely is.

A civil war soldier contemplated life's mysterious paradoxes. Although his name has been lost in history, his insights are timeless. In the middle of his personal disenchantment he found a new perspective. He wrote: I asked God for strength, that I might achieve; I was made weak that I might obey.

I asked God for health that I might do great things; I was given grace that I might do better things.

I asked God for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked God for power that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I received nothing I asked for; I received everything I hoped for.

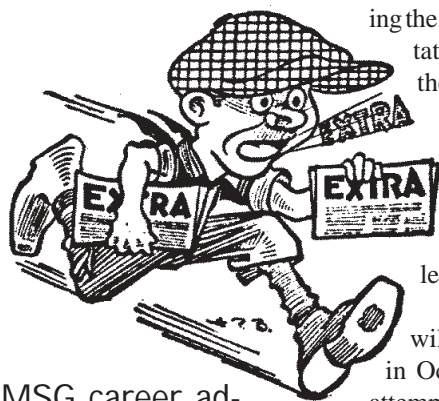
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am of all people most blessed.

Life is filled with surprising and

enriching paradoxes. For instance if one thinks life should be easy it rarely is but when one realizes that life is difficult it seems to get a lot easier. Or you don't have to get everything you want on Christmas to be truly happy. Or no matter how great it is to be recognized publicly, the real joy is in the job well done.

The trick to managing life's confusing paradoxes is to keep trusting in God. The apostle Paul puts it like this, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28)." So don't lose faith, don't throw in the towel. Good times are on the way and you will be blessed in ways you never dreamed of!



## MSG career advisor position

Wanted: a dedicated traditional reservist to be the Mission Support Group Career Advisor

**Job Description:** Principal advisor to the commander and supervisors on retention issues. Advises airmen and officers on enlisted retention activities and programs. Conducts interviews to determine individual career intent and provides information to positively influence retention in the AF Reserve. Counsels enlisted personnel on reenlistment opportunities and benefits. Develops and maintains the Mission Support Groups retention program. Provides training and mentorship for the Unit Career Advisors in the Mission Support Group.

Please submit to the Wing Career Advisor a military resume and a letter of recommendation from unit commander by close of business July UTA. Interviews will be held by Lt. Col. Steven Kett on Saturday, 9 Aug 03 in the morning, in the Mission Support Group Commander's office.

## No call registry

The FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule (amended) creates a national "Do Not Call" registry, which will make it easier for consumers to stop the telemarketing calls they do not want. Beginning in July, consumers may enter their telephone numbers in the registry. Information regard-

ing the registry and its implementation may be accessed at the first link below.

By September, telemarketers will receive access to the registry and will be required to scrub their call lists against it at least once every 90 days.

The FTC and the states will commence enforcement in October. Scam artists are attempting to take advantage of this new consumer registry, offering consumers "preregistration" for a fee. Web sites or phone solicitations that claim they can or will register a consumer's name or phone number on a national list - especially those that charge a fee - are all scams.

Consumers will be able to register by phone or on-line directly with the FTC, or through some state governments, but never via private companies or other private entities.

Nat'l "Do Not Call" Registry:  
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/donotcall/index.html>

New Telemarketing Sales Rule:

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/tmarkg/donotcall.htm>

Avoiding "Do Not Call" Scams:

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/alerts/dncregalrt.htm>

## Deployment options

There has been an increase in the number of people who wish to volunteer for long term, overseas deployments. In light of that, there are a few things that need to be explained.

Volunteers must keep three things in mind when they want to volunteer:

Those who want to deploy must be qualified to deploy.

Those who want to deploy must have commander approval.

Open deployment slots get filled quickly, especially in this not-so-good economy.

Because of the above, it is required that troops interested in deploying fill out the Pre-Deployment Checklist (Q drive, AW folder, DEPLOYMENTS folder, Checklists folder). The members must fill out this checklist entirely and turn it in to their UDM or SDM. The UDM or SDM will then give completed checklists to XP. A deployment will then be looked for for the member. The checklist is good for 30 days; after that time XP will dispose of the checklists. This is IAW AFI 10-403, which states that deployment processing is good for 30 days. If the member is still interested, they may reaccomplish the checklist as many times as they want.

## Wear of new medals

Recently several new awards, such as the Global War on Terrorism medals, Air and Space Campaign Medal, and others, have been announced and are being developed.

These new awards have been announced and advertised by several means; however, their criteria and implementation procedures have not been finalized. Air Force personnel are not authorized to wear new awards on their uniform that are not yet fully developed and authorized by the Air Force. An estimated completion date has not been established. When the criteria and implementation procedures are concluded, they will be provided to servicing Military Personnel Flights for full implementation.

## TSP open season

It is currently a TSP Open Season from April 15-June 30. For those interested in starting, stopping, or changing TSP contributions, now is the time. The maximum contribution is eight percent of base pay, 100 percent of incentive pay, 100 percent of special pay and 100 percent of bonus pay.

Drop by finance or MPF to get more information. Finance has election forms.

## Virtual deadline nears

Some people have yet to complete their Virtual Record of Emergency Data.

The vRED, that resides within the Virtual Military Personnel Flight, replaces the FormFlow version of the DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, and allows members to have 24/7 access to emergency contact information through the Air Force Personnel Center secure server from any internet-capable computer.

The vRED guides participants through the process of completing their emergency contact information and will tailor the questions asked to respective family situations. The program is also designed to highlight areas that haven't been completed or were completed incorrectly. Another benefit of the vRED is that it will remind members upon logging into the vMPF to review/update the information at periodic intervals.

Completion of the vRED is mandatory for everyone in the Air Force. For more information, please contact customer service at 556-8185.

The Front Range Flyer staff is always looking for story ideas or suggestions. If you have any, please call 556-4117 or email them at [302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil](mailto:302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil).



# Air Force to survey reservists about workplace

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson

*Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs*

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.**—This year, for the first time, the Air Force Climate Survey will include all Air Force reservists.

Feedback from last year's study, formerly the Air Force Chief of Staff Survey, prompted the Air Force to involve a larger audience in the survey, which will seek factors affecting the day-to-day mission, leadership and availability of resources. Results of the on-line survey will serve as the baseline for the Total Force.

Past surveys were limited to the active-duty Air Force and Department of Defense civilians. This year's survey, which will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 23, has been expanded to include members of the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard, as well as non-appropriated fund civilians and students.

"Sustaining the world's preeminent air and space force requires continued excellence in the work environment," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of AFRC, in

a May 27 letter to reservists. "This survey will provide valuable information to all reservists and Air Force leaders to achieve that goal. By taking a few brief moments to fill out this survey, you can help your leaders understand your concerns and ultimately better serve you and our nation's interests."

The Air Force Climate Survey 2003 will be easily accessible and user-friendly. Comments will not be edited or filtered and will provide valuable feedback, including new ideas from members.

The survey will seek input on issues from every major level of the Air Force – from Headquarters Air Force in the Pentagon to squadrons and flights. It will serve as a tool to measure the climate of an organization, asking participants to evaluate factors having the greatest influence on their service – general satisfaction, unit performance outcomes, recognition, teamwork, supervision, training, career development, job enhancement, resources, participation and unit flexibility.

The survey will also provide anonymity with software masking techniques that do not attach the respondent's user ID and

password to survey responses. Respondents will be asked not to write self-revealing details in the comments portion of the survey.

In a letter to survey participants, Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Adams, AFRC command chief master sergeant, wrote: "By participating in the survey, you will provide critical information to leaders in your organization to make the Air Force a better place to work. Since the survey software protects your identity, I encourage you to be honest and straightforward in your responses. This survey data will be as good as you make it. This is your chance to stand up and be counted."

Survey organizers said the Air Force Climate Survey 2003 will not be a quality of life survey because it will not solicit information or feedback about base facilities and functions, pay or benefits. The survey will also not ask about racial or sexual harassment or discrimination, or certain health practices of members or their families.

The results of the survey will be released in February 2004 to unit leaders. More information about the survey can be found at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>.

## Reserve wings change commanders this summer

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.**—At least four Air Force Reserve Command flying wings will change commanders this summer.

The following senior officer moves and their effective dates are:

■ Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Gisler Jr. from 446th Airlift Wing commander at McChord AFB, Wash., is set to be the 349th Air Mobility Wing commander at Travis AFB, Calif., July 19.

■ Col. Eric W. Crabtree from reserve adviser at Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill., is set to be the 446th AW commander at McChord AFB, Aug. 23.

■ Col. Timothy J. Wrighton

from 452nd AMW commander at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., is set to be the assistant vice commander of 22nd Air Force at Dobbins ARB, Ga., June 14.

■ Col. James T. Rubeor from 349th AMW commander at Travis AFB is set to be the 452nd AMW commander at March ARB, July 19.

■ Col. Roger G. Disrud from 442nd Fighter Wing commander at Whiteman AFB, Mo., to retirement, Sept. 22.

■ Col. Patrick A. Cord from 926th Operations Group commander at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La., is set to be the 442nd FW commander at Whiteman AFB in September.

## Employers soar



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

Reserve employers, such as Robert Sullenburger on left above, soared above Colorado Springs during the wing's recent employer appreciation day.

# Services technician scores AFRC ART of the year award

**Photo and story by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton**  
*Front Range Flyer*

Handling billeting arrangements for Joint Forge deployments in Sembach, Germany and Istres, France during the last year and half have kept Tech. Sgt. Andrea Fisher occupied. It also helped her to be named Services Air Reserve Technician of the Year for 2002.

The award came after she was named the wing's Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for the fourth quarter.

"I was competing against 52 of the best Air Reserve Technicians services have to offer," said Fisher. "It's nice to be recognized by your peers for your work."

Fisher, superintendent of services and noncommissioned officer in charge of plans and force management, spent 96 active-



*Andrea Fisher scored AFRC Services ART of the year.*

duty days in support of Joint Forge, Istres, France. There she filled a shortfall for morale, welfare and recreation activities, and controlled more than \$167,000 a month in billeting requirements in Sembach, Germany, for military personnel activated during Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

"It's important we support our

people, so they can support the mission whatever that may be at the time," said Fisher.

Fisher has 14 years military experience, and worked with the Defense Commissary Agency until it merged with the military services career field. DeCA was created by the Department of Defense as an organization located at Fort Lee, Va., to manage all military commissary stores throughout the world.

"I just became part of that merger and landed in the career field," said Fisher. Fisher became an ART with the wing in February 2001.

In addition to fulfilling overseas duty assignments, Fisher found time to help organize a 22-member volunteer group to provide assistance to the area's hungry at the Marian House soup kitchen in downtown Colorado Springs.

Outside of the military environment, Fisher devotes time to duties as treasurer of the Aurora Hills Baptist Church, volunteers to organize youth group activities, sings in the choir, and spends time with her three daughters and son: Katelyn, Kirstin, Kylie and Corey. "The few hobbies I do have include my children and taking care of my yard," Fisher said.

She is also full-time distance learning student pursuing a business administration degree from Gratham University in Louisville, Ky., and finishing prerequisite requirements to attend medical school.

"[This past year] was a great year for Tech. Sgt. Fisher," said Maj. Brian Anderson, 302nd Services commander. "To win this award as a rookie ART shows she can be successful from day one. When she sets her mind to something she can't be stopped."

## Readiness changes on the horizon

**By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton**  
*Front Range Flyer*

Reservists will see an increase in Task Qualification Training and Ability to Survive and Operate in chemical environment training during the coming months. The increase is due in large part to current regulations being rewritten to coincide with Air Expeditionary Force requirements.

The training cycle was increased from 12 to 15 months to enable active duty members enough time to prepare for overseas assignments according to Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Vorce, 302nd Civil Engineer readiness flight chief. However, for reservists, the training time cycle decreased from 24 to 15 months.

"We're looking at how the change affects reservists," said Vorce. "[Some may] think it's the same old chemical warfare training.

It's changed. There's a lot of new information available with changes to the current regulation."

"There are more Mission Oriented Posture levels to select from during chemical attacks," said Vorce. Members may be asked to remain inside structures rather than take cover outside. We also found out it could be up to nearly an hour for airbursts to dissipate, and actually disperse agents on the ground. Some areas on base may be affected to the point they'll be in MOPP level four, while the other side of the base may not be in any MOPP level at all."

The new 15-month training cycle requirement applies to reservists, and everyone must be current in Nuclear, Biological and Chemical warfare training. "We conduct scheduled classes for those who need the training, and members should participate in one attack response exercise and perform

task qualification training once a year," said Vorce. "Col. Moss has scheduled an exercise for October."

"These are new contingency operations, currently taught in initial and refresher classes," said Tech. Sgt. Mike Mabbitt, nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional weapons instructor for the 302nd CES.

One thing prevalent that hasn't changed is the threat of chemical attack. "Just because the war in Iraq is over, don't think weapons of mass destruction will go away any time soon," said Vorce. "There are currently 19 countries proliferating weapons of mass destruction, and many other forms of chemical agents you need to protect yourself against including tear gas which we use at training exercises. Tear gas is considered an irritant, and is something we still need to be concerned about," said Vorce.

"Your protective mask is still your primary operative piece of equipment against chemical attack," said Vorce. "Your life depends on its serviceability and knowing how to use it."

# IMA only reserve dog handler in AFSPC

**Photo and story by Staff Sgt. Stefano Collins**  
*Front Range Flyer*

Active duty security forces members are generally the only security forces one will see working with military dogs as partners; however Tech. Sgt. Matthew Stogsdill broke the mold, in Air Force Space Command at least.

Stogsdill is an IMA reservist working as a Military Working Dog Handler with the 21st Security Forces Squadron.

"Stogsdill was active duty here previously. He left active duty in March 2003, and was the first in line volunteering to come back after 9/11," said Tech. Sgt. Richard VanWinkle, NCOIC, Military Working Dog Section.

After deploying and returning, Stogsdill was offered a dog handler position. "This is unheard of for Guard and Reserve personnel; largely due to the fact that so much training has to be maintained. It is not possible to complete the monthly training requirements over the course of one drill weekend," said VanWinkle.

Since Stogsdill already had the training and there was a critical shortage of dog handlers, as well as increased duty requirements along with the fact that he had a proven strong work ethic, he was the perfect candidate. "He has always been a good worker. He is always willing to step up and does whatever needs to be done to achieve mission accomplishment," added VanWinkle.

"He is an outstanding asset. He was stationed here previously when he was active duty. So when he came back 4

years later, he was already trained," said Staff Sgt. Duane Stinson, Air Force Military Working Dog Trainer. "After going through the base recertification program and becoming dog certified once again, he was ready to rock and roll. Stogsdill has been kicking butt since he returned."

Stogsdill has seemed to impress many as he was selected to receive the 21st Security Forces Squadron Enlisted IMA of the Year Award for 2002, and was nominated for 21st Space Wing Enlisted IMA of the Year for 2002.

For Stogsdill, life as a Reservist also has its rewards. In addition to military installation security, Stogsdill and Rudy are tasked to support a variety of high profile security details. "I have worked hand-in-hand with the Secret Service, U.S. Marshals and have worked in Presidential and Vice-Presidential details. And I get to do this with my dog, Rudy," said Stogsdill.

"The past year in the Reserve program has been wonderful, especially the opportunity to reconnect with Rudy (military working dog). Stogsdill worked with Rudy before on active duty. "This brings man and dog together and creates a bond that can't be broken. Rudy is my best friend. During the deployment, my separation from him was like being away from one of my kids, and it felt like a piece of my heart was missing."

Rudy has 'submitted' his 'retirement package' and is no longer worldwide deployable. Rudy's approximate retirement date will be October 2003.



*Tech. Sgt. Matthew Stogsdill and his partner Rudy practice drills.*

A military working dog's 'retirement' package is actually a "disposition" package. The process of a dog's retirement is approved at the security forces canine training headquarters at Lackland AFB, Texas. Retired working dogs are usually adopted. Former and current dog handlers that are seeking to adopt a retired working dog are given top priority. Stogsdill plans on pursuing adoption of Rudy and making him a member of his family.

Stogsdill is also pursuing a career opportunity as a Canine Handler with the U.S. Customs Service. He wants to assist with border control and protection of homeland security and combat drugs and terrorism. His military experiences have provided a strong foundation for this. "It has definitely helped to build bridges for the next step in my civilian life," said Stogsdill.

## Deployment teaches dog handler new tricks

**By Staff Sgt. Stefano Collins**  
*Front Range Flyer*

Sept. 11, 2001 made a lasting impact on most Americans, some in a more positive light than others.

A presidential recall of security forces brought Tech. Sgt. Matthew Stogsdill, an

IMA reservist, back to the likes of active duty.

"It was hard for me to go from my civilian life to the military life in three days and then to deploy to a hostile environment," said Stogsdill.

Stogsdill deployed for seven months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

with the 310th Security Forces Squadron, Schriever Air Force Base. "Our main mission was 'bare base' set up," said Stogsdill. A 'bare base' is a forward location that consists of nothing but dirt. Stogsdill's unit would be the first ones to arrive at the 'base,' where they set up for the incoming military

units being deployed there.

"We set up three bare-bases; one for Al Qaeda holding facilities, approximately 230 operatives, and another one in a 'hub for terrorist activity,'" he said.

During his deployment, then Staff Sgt. Stogsdill worked with Ravens and U.S. Army Green Berets on their missions. One of these missions included

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# Don't put the 302nd weapon system at risk

By Staff Sgt. William Robertson  
302nd Communications Flight

Many people are familiar with a program called Hotbar. Hotbar advertises itself as a cool tool for customizing Internet browsers or to "Add COLOR to your emails" with unique backgrounds or "skins."

This is one of many programs available on the Internet advertised as "improving" the Internet browsing experience. Some of these programs are designed to send information about personal web browsing, and possibly other personal information, to advertisement companies, which, in turn, forward junk email, unwanted advertisements and potentially a virus.

In the case of Hotbar, personal Internet browsing is being eavesdropped on.

Many people during the installation of computer software, click "I Accept" without reading the license agreement. Upon installation of **Hotbar, one accepts their license agreement. Excerpts from the license agreement to which one accepted are:**

"...Hotbar software transmits and stores the following information from your computer to Hotbar: Your IP Address, which may include a domain name; the full URL of the Web page you are visiting; general information about your browser; general information about your computer's operating system; your Hotbar cookie number (and through registry) and the date and time the above information is logged."

"...This means that your name, your address, your email address, or similar information you might consider private or personally

identifiable which you enter into a Web page ... is then transmitted to Hotbar and automatically stored in Hotbar's databases."

"...Licensee may be exposed to contaminated files, computer viruses, eavesdropping, harassment, electronic trespassing, hacking and other harmful acts or consequences that might lead to unauthorized invasion of privacy, loss of data and other damages."

## The bottom line:

Installing this software is **against AFI 33-114, para 8.2 and AFSSI 5027, para 5.5.2.**

Downloading, installing software, or upgrading your computer from the Internet is placing the entire 302nd network at risk.

For more information, please call your Information Protection office at 556-5379.

## Wing's top airman calls MSS home LRS boasts NCO of the Quarter

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt.  
David D. Morton  
Front Range Flyer

Senior Airman Raul Gonzalez, management assistant for the 302nd Mission Support Squadron, looks forward to monthly training assemblies. "I enjoy answering questions for people and learning about all the different jobs they have outside of the military."

Before joining the wing as an Air Reserve Technician, Gonzalez, who was recently named Airman of the Quarter had a different job of his own.

He served in the Navy from 1993-1996 as a ship's yeoman for the Captain's Mast where he took care of legal work for nonjudicial punishment cases. "I eventually got tired of going out to sea and was rifted out of my job," said Gonzalez. "I talked with my older brother and he got me to join the Reserve."

"I talked Raul into joining the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Enrique (Kiki) Gonzalez, crew chief for the 302nd Maintenance



Airman Raul Gonzalez

Squadron. "I knew he would get tired of living on ships. Even though it was the one thing he said he would like in the Navy. He went the other way, I brought him back."

Gonzalez joined the 302nd Airlift Wing in December 2002, and has been in charge of monitoring the units OPR and EPR programs.

Outside of the military, Gonzalez enjoys hunting and riding motorcycles. He is married and has two young sons.

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt.  
David D. Morton  
Front Range Flyer

Staff Sgt. Kristen Lattimer, noncommissioned officer in charge and career readiness advisor of the 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, is accustomed to collecting trophies throughout most of her military career.

She recently collected another award when she was named NCO of the Quarter.

"I was active duty for 10 years, and where I was stationed I performed every aspect of my Air Force career field," she said. She was also at Cannon, AFB, N.M., before becoming a reserve member of the 302nd Airlift Wing in August 2001.

"To achieve this award is special; I was surprised when I received it," said Lattimer. "You're really competing against quality people within the wing."

Lattimer has won quarterly awards before, but never within the wing until now. "Awards are



Staff Sgt. Kristen Lattimer

great, but it's about people," said Lattimer. "My priority is making sure people working for me and our customers are happy. I enjoy receiving a, "thank you" and helping out other people."

"If I make 50 people happy, I've received 50 individual trophies. That's what I refer to when I say I'm collecting trophies," said Lattimer.

"My high points and objectives in my career are leaving places in better shape than the way I found them; I like repairing things."



# Fire prevention made mobile

**Photo and story by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault**  
*Front Range Flyer*



*Children learn in a safe, hands-on environment what to do in case of a fire. The smoke trailer provides a child-sized learning experience with huge benefits.*

In the fast-paced lifestyle most live today, it's hard to find time to sit down to a sensible dinner much less plan for accidents such as a fire. The 21st Space Wing Fire Department is helping bridge the gap with their mobile smoke trailer.

"No one wants to talk about bad things like fire, but it's an unfortunate reality and needs to be planned for," said Burke Ferrin, fire inspector.

Should a fire occur too many factors are at play. "They're scared and panic," said Ferrin. "Under normal conditions, everyone is familiar and comfortable with the layout and surroundings of their home, but introduce heavy smoke, loud noise from alarms and fear and everything changes."

The smoke trailer can help reduce the panic factor by familiarizing children with the smoke and alarms and helps them find a safe exit.

In order to help families plan for fires, the fire department's smoke trailer houses child-sized living spaces with working kitchen, simulated fireplace and an upstairs bedroom. "[The trailer] produces smoke on both floors, simulates thunder and lightening and also has two heated doors to simulate a door that has been heated by fire," Ferrin said. "It's based on the saying, 'I hear, I forget. I see, I remember. I do, I understand.'"

The effectiveness of the trailer comes from its realism. "The fact that it makes real smoke and [the children] can see how it reacts and stays near the ceiling. They can actually practice staying low and crawling out and really understand why they're doing it," said Ferrin. Children also find a safe exit and in some

cases it involves them going out a sliding glass door and down a ladder to safety.

"It really helped our children learn the 911 procedures," said Lt. Col. Terri Kett, 302nd Airlift Wing performance planner. "They left chanting 'stop, drop, roll,'" she added. The fire prevention and evacuation training encourages parents to run through fire drills in the home as well. "My children were excited and anxious to run through our own drill at home," said Kett.

The fire department mobilizes based on requests. "Anyplace where you could expect to find large numbers of children, we try to be there," said Ferrin. This year the trailer has made appearances at several elementary schools, home store safety days, Armed Forces Day celebrations and Youth Center events. They are scheduled to offer the trailer to the children of the 302nd AW family during the annual Family Day celebration, August 9.

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prisoner transport to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Stogsdill's unit also performed intelligence probes. "We saw heavy action and were involved in a fire fight there," he said. Stogsdill's unit was under constant terrorist probes and threats, and operated under [FPCON] Delta for all but the last two months of his deployment.

"It was tough because we were there almost two months before anyone else arrived," said Stogsdill. "We also had specific terrorist threats. For example, there was an Army Ranger in our unit being followed and eventually run off the road; his vehicle rolled three times," he said. "We also utilized KC-130 gunships, M16s, and daily bomb raid sorties."

The troops were able to receive incoming mail, but couldn't send any out.

"I was there for 4.5 months without contact with my family," said Stogsdill.

The deployment wasn't without highlights though. "The cool thing about this was that I didn't know anyone in our group prior to the deployment, now we are all the best of friends. Guys from F.E. Warren AFB, Patrick AFB, Vandenberg AFB were all activated and we were deployed out of the 310th SFS and sent together in the same unit. We remained and returned in the same unit too." All of the Security Forces activated in his unit were IMA Reservists.

Stogsdill was not new to deployments as with most security forces personnel however this deployment provided a unique experience. "My knowledge in our career field grew, especially in reference to times of war and real contingency opera-

tions when setting up a bare base," said Stogsdill.

When not answering the call to duty in times on national emergency Stogsdill works with his active duty counterparts in the 21st Security Forces Squadron as a dog handler.

"Security Forces are important because they are the first line of defense for any military installation," said Stogsdill. In conjunction with his regular security forces duties providing installation security for Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB and Cheyenne Mountain, Stogsdill also assists with Secret Service details.

Stogsdill was recognized for his contributions during the deployment by being awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal. Two other members of his group received Bronze Stars.

# Unit Training Assembly Schedule

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0530 – 1000	Breakfast	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVF/6-4180
0600 – 0730	“Jump Start” Fellowship	Sandy’s Restaurant	HC/6-7428
0730 – 1100	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 893 Conf Room	MPF/6-7976
0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
0900	PEP Boards (TSgt & MSgt)	Bldg 845 Conference Rm	DPMSC/7555
0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Mt	Bldg 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1000	HDRC Meeting	731 <sup>st</sup> Conference Room	CV/6-7087
0900 – 1000	Unit Safety Rep Meeting	Bldg 350 Room 1052	SE/6-8163
0900 – 1100	Immunizations	Clinic	ASTS/1132
1000 – 1030	Unit Fitness Monitor Meeting	Bldg 895 Room 203	SVS/6-4180
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch!	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVS/6-4180
1100 – 1230	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1215 – 1630	Newcomers Ancilliary Wing Conference Room Training	DPMS/6-8185	
1300	PEP Boards (SMSgt/CMSgt)	Bldg 845 (21 <sup>st</sup> SW) Conf Rm	DPMSC/7555
1300 – 1600	Chaplains Available	Bldg 893 Room 143	HC/6-7428
1300 – 1400	DNA / HIV Testing	Clinic	SG/6-1132
1530 – 1600	Anthrax Briefing	Bldg 893 Conference Room	ASTS/4-1136
1500 – 1600	Homosexual Policy	Bldg 893, Room 111	JA/6-8140
2000 – 2300	Late night snack	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4180

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0530 – 1000	Breakfast Available	Aragon Dining Hall	SVF/6-4180
0800 – 0900	First Sergeants Meeting	Aragon Dining Facility	6-8307
0900 – 1100	3AO AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conf	SC/6-8192
0800 – 1200	Trainer Certifier Course	Bldg 895	DPMT/6-7250
0800 – 1200	Education Open House	Wing Training Room	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1000	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 350 Room 1052	SE/6-8163
1100 – 1200	Mask fitting	Bldg 1324 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	DP/6-7221
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
	Multicultural Awareness Gp	Aragon Dining Facility	ME/6-6215
1215 – 1530	CDC / PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 – 1400	Commander’s SORTS Mt	Command Post CAT	CP/6-7369
2000 – 2300	Late Night Snack	Aragon Dining Hall	SVS/6-4180



# Welcome June newcomers

302nd Maintenance Group  
Maj. Norman L. Anderson

302nd Operations Group  
Maj. Charlan A. Poirson

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Raul F. Gayton  
Senior Airman Marlene H. Cabrera-Smith

302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Antawn Q. Keller

302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Timothy A. Ball  
Staff Sgt. Edward H. Pastori

302nd Maintenance Squadron  
Airman 1st Class Cassandra Reese

302nd Mission Support Squadron  
Senior Master Sgt. David M. Malenky

731st Airlift Squadron  
Capt. Trammel Kincaid  
Tech. Sgt. Peter Aronson  
Staff Sgt. Kurt L. Schwab

302nd Military Operations Flight  
Staff Sgt. Ricardo C. Carillo  
Airman Basic Antonishia S. Lancaster

39th Aerial Port Squadron  
Senior Airman Jared M. Morrison

302nd Services Flight  
Airman 1st Class Jason D. Cooper  
Airman 1st Class Angelo R. Apodaca

310th Security Forces Squadron  
Senior Airman Ernie A. Escarcega  
Tech. Sgt. William T. Roberts  
Airman 1st Class Charles R. Potts

6th Space Operations Squadron  
Capt. Kimberly D. Sullivan

7th SOPS  
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey G. Buell  
Staff Sgt. Andrew B. Sager

14th Test Squadron  
Capt. Angela M. Cody  
Capt. Marylan S. Starbuck  
Senior Airman Anthony P. Suarez

## Independence Day calls to mind flag facts

### First Stars and Stripes

The original American flag had 13 red and white stripes and 13 white stars on a blue background. The stripes and stars stood for the original 13 states.

No one knows for sure who designed the flag. Some think it was Francis Hopkins, delegate to Congress from New Jersey.

Congress hoped the flag would be a symbol for freedom. In a resolution about the flag, it said, "White signifies Purity and Innocence; Red, Hardiness and Valor; Blue signifies Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice." (Courtesy of the Gazette)



states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

The 21st Civil Engineer Squadron is initiating a program at Peterson Air Force Base for proper flag disposal. To participate, bring your unserviceable flags to the main fire station, Building 218. The Fire Department Color Guard will periodically destroy the flags with a ceremony fitting of our national emblem.

For residents living off base, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 101 at 7102 South Tejon St. provides this service for the Colorado Springs area bimonthly.

(Courtesy of Space Observer in a story by Chief Master Sgt. Rod Coleman, Oct 25, 2002.)

### Properly bidding farewell to Old Glory

To preserve our national symbol, it's very important that they be disposed of in an honorable manner.

The United States Flag Code 36s 176(k)

## Would You Pass the US Citizenship Test?

How would you rate if you had to take the United States citizenship test? Take this short test of U.S. history and government questions compiled from a list of a possible 100 available on the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services website.

These questions are typical of those asked of immigrants hoping to become U.S. citizens.

1. What do the stripes on the American Flag stand for?

2. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death"?

3. How many amendments are there to the Constitution?

4. How many representatives are in Congress?

5. Who becomes president if the president and the vice president both are unable to fulfill their duties?

6. Who is the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

7. The Constitution requires a person to meet three criteria in order to run for president. Name one of these criteria. (Better yet, name all three.)

8. What are the first ten amendments of the constitution called?

9. Who wrote "Star Spangled Banner"?

10. How many times can congressmen be reelected?

- Courtesy of Bottom Line/Personal
10. There is no limit.
  9. Francis Scott Key
  8. The Bill of Rights
  - for at least 14 years.
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  7. A natural born citizen of the
  6. William Rehnquist
  - Representatives
  5. The speaker of the House of
  4. 435
  3. 27
  2. Patrick Henry
  1. The original 13 states.
- Answers

# Wing jumps into annual Sports Day fun



Photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton

**By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton**  
*Front Range Flyer*

Peterson Air Force Base held its annual Sports Day June 11 and the 302nd Airlift Wing took time out from the grind to compete against some of their active counterparts in sporting events scheduled throughout the day.

There were more than 40 events including running, walking, swimming, bowling, basketball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, horse-shoes, tug-of-war, cards dominoes, pool, tables tennis and dart competitions.

Reservists from the wing took part in softball, volleyball, table tennis, golf, tug-of-war, and the Fireman's Challenge.

*Stefano Collins, 302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office, lugs a 189 pound dummy as part of the Fireman's Challenge.*

The wing's softball team played Team Colorado II, and came up on the short end of a 7-4 score. Tim Gudridge, crew chief for the 302nd Maintenance Squadron, managed six strike outs in a losing effort. "It's just one of those days where we couldn't get the bats going and generate any offense," said Solomon Martinez, manager of the 302nd softball team, that plays in the base league on Thursday nights.

The wing also had two teams participate in volleyball, while most of the wing's participants spent a lot of the day on the base golf course.

"Another typical day at the golf course," said Luke Coker, chief of wing plans, who fashioned a score of 39 for nine holes.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

*Members of the 302nd Military Personnel Flight team tug with all their might during the Tug-of-War competition.*



Photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton

*Bob Smith hopes for the best after driving towards the green. Smith was one of the many wing members that hit the course during sports day.*

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